

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 7 (Cancelled).

8. (New) A residential building comprising a plurality of dwellings, each of said dwellings includes a single-storey dwelling part and a two-storey dwelling part, said single-storey dwelling part of a lower dwelling being disposed beneath said single-story dwelling part of an upper dwelling, said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling having a floor which is on the same level as a floor of said one-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling, said two-story dwelling part of said lower dwelling having a ceiling which is on the same level as a ceiling of said one-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling, said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling having an open space which extends from said floor of said two-story dwelling part of said lower dwelling to said ceiling of said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling and is at least partially defined by a two-storey first wall which extends from the floor of said lower dwelling to the ceiling of said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling and a one-storey second wall which extends from the ceiling of said one-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling to the ceiling of the two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling, said one-storey second wall of said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling forming at least a portion of a one-storey wall of said single-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling, said one-storey second wall of said two-storey dwelling part of said lower

dwelling separates at least a portion of said single-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling from said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling.

9. (New) A residential building as set forth in claim 8 wherein the floor of said single-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling has a surface area which is at least as great as a surface area of a floor said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling.

10. (New) A residential building as set forth in claim 8 wherein said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling includes an indoor area and an outdoor area which opens outwardly toward a façade of the residential building.

11. (New) A residential building as set forth in claim 8 wherein the floor of said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling has the same surface area as a floor of said two-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling.

12. (New) A residential building as set forth in claim 11 wherein the floor of said single-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling has the same surface area as a floor of said single-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling.

13. (New) A residential building as set forth in claim 8 wherein said single-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling extends from said two-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling to said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling.

14. (New) A residential building as set forth in claim 13 wherein said single-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling is disposed above said single-

storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling throughout the extent of said single-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling.

15. (New) A residential building as set forth in claim 8 further including a lower storey disposed beneath said upper and lower dwellings, said lower storey having the same ceiling height throughout the extent of said lower storey.

16. (New) A residential building as said forth in claim 8 wherein said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling includes an indoor area and an outdoor area which opens outwardly toward a façade of the residential building, said two-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling includes an indoor area and an outdoor area which opens outwardly toward the façade of the residential building, said outdoor area of said two-storey dwelling part of said lower dwelling being horizontally offset from said outdoor area of said two-storey dwelling part of said upper dwelling.